

REMARKS

Applicant expresses appreciation to the Examiner for the telephonic conference of June 12, 2007 to focus claims on electrical aspects and structure. Having incorporated the Examiner's suggestions to the apparatus claims and method claims, Applicant now believes the application is in position for allowance.

1. *Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102*

In response to examiner's 'Detailed Action' number 2 rejecting claim 8, Jackson (US 6,186,662) does not disclose coupling a weight to the base end to assist in defining a deployment trajectory when thrown as examiner asserts. Neither does it teach an opening in the base end, or any wording relating to throwing the bag or any reference to a trajectory. A claim is anticipated under § 102 "if each and every limitation is found either expressly or inherently in a single prior art reference." *Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. v. Ben Venue Labs, Inc.*, 246 F.3d 1368, 1374 (Fed. Cir. 2001). The limitation of tossing the bag in a trajectory defined by the weighted end is conspicuously missing in Jackson. Also since the Jackson bag is disclosed for securing contents under 'windy conditions' (see column 3, lines 12, 26, and 67 and column 4 line 2) it can not be argued that tossing the Jackson bag in the wind is inherently found in that reference. Also any reference to an opening in the base end is missing in Jackson. Therefore applicant respectfully requests that this rejection of claim 8 be withdrawn.

In response to examiner's 'Detailed Action' number 3, Cameron (US 4,713,033) lacks the element of having an opening at both ends of the bag as applicant claims in claim 8. Again, anticipation rejections under 35 USC 102 require each and every limiting element of applicant's invention to be present in the cited prior art. Since this ability to dispense line or cord from either end of the bag is a central and claimed element of the applicant's invention missing in the prior art, applicant requests that this rejection be withdrawn from consideration.

2. *Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103*

With respect to the combination of Cameron over Witt, Applicant requests reconsideration in view of the present amendments. The examiner has not shown any

factual suggestion or motivation either in the prior art or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the line throw bag of Cameron to tossing electrical cord from either end of the Witt bag. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the 103 rejections of claims 2-5 and 7 based on the cited prior art be withdrawn.

In response to examiner's 'Detailed Action' number 6, Witt teaches an 'annular support' made of a polycarbonate material such as the General Electric 'Lexan'®. Polycarbonates are lightweight plastics such as those popularly used for eyeglasses. The function of the annular support is to support the structure of the bag without adding significant weight. Therefore, regardless of its position at the center or the base of the bag, the annular support lacks sufficient weight to act as a ballast. See Witt, column 3 lines 31 through 39. Witt therefore teaches a lightweight annular support which prevents the collapse of the bag and not as a ballast in stationary or trajectory use. Applicant respectfully requests that the 103 rejection of claim 2 based on the prior art 'annular support' be withdrawn.

Dependent claims 4, 5 and 7 place further limitations on what is otherwise argued allowable subject matter. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that these claims also stand in a condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all prior deficiencies in the application have been addressed and corrected and that all proposed claims are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the prior art references cited by the Examiner.

If any impediments to the allowance of this application for patent remain after the above amendments and remarks are entered, the Examiner is invited to initiate another telephone conference with the undersigned attorney of record.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 20-0100.

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Respectfully submitted,

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